

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 7:31 pm with Council President Dave Rollo presiding over a Regular Session and Organizational Meeting of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
January 13, 2016

Roll Call: Piedmont-Smith, Granger, Mayer, Ruff, Rollo, Sandberg, Sturbaum, Volan. Chopra
Absent: None

ROLL CALL

Council President Rollo gave the Agenda Summation

AGENDA SUMMATION

There were no minutes to be approved at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
REPORTS

Dorothy Granger wished Bloomington a happy birthday.

- COUNCIL MEMBERS

Tim Mayer welcomed Allison Chopra and Isabel Piedmont-Smith to the Council. He also noted the passing of Howard Young, a former Councilmember.

Any Ruff also spoke about the loss of Howard Young. Ruff then read an article written by Dan Carpenter titled, “Real Protest Ain’t Planned”.

Steve Volan also welcomed Allison Chopra and Isabel Piedmont-Smith. He welcomed Nicole Bolden to her new role as City Clerk. He then spoke about the history of the City of Bloomington and suggested that the Council consider planning for the City’s bicentennial in 2018. He also suggested adding the founding date of 1818 to the city seal.

Chris Sturbaum spoke about the how the decisions the Council made impacted the futures of children and others in Bloomington.

Susan Sandberg spoke about LGBT rights in Indiana. She said that people could help by signing up with Indiana Competes, a non-partisan group that was concerned about the negative impact of legislation in Indiana.

Dave Rollo also welcomed Allison Chopra, Isabel Piedmont-Smith, and Nicole Bolden. He also noted and thanked Sue Wanzer, Dan Sherman, and Stacy Jane Rhoads for being present at the meeting. He then spoke about the importance of the new geological epoch, and how what we did locally had an impact. He also spoke about the master plan for Lake Monroe.

Byron Bangert, Chair of the Bloomington Human Rights Commission (BHRC), spoke about the Fair Labor Initiative. The initiative allowed restaurants that signed a form that said they would comply with all applicable fair employment laws to display a decal that they received from the BHRC. Sandberg asked about what types of complaints the BHRC received. Bangert responded that they got complaints about wage theft, safety issues, discrimination, and other areas of violation. Ruff suggested that the BHRC reach out to the Indiana Daily Student for publication of their letter regarding the initiative. Sturbaum suggested publicizing the initiative outside of participating businesses, and gave the example of the market.

- The MAYOR AND CITY OFFICES
- COUNCIL COMMITTEES

President Rollo called for public comment.

- PUBLIC

David Schleibaum spoke and asked for the Council to start with the Pledge of Allegiance. He also suggested that meetings start at 6:30pm.

Public Comment (*cont'd*)

Kay Bull spoke about how we use our streets and highways.

There were no appointments to Boards or Commissions at this meeting.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS
AND COMMISSIONS

It was moved and seconded that the following slate of officers be elected:

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- President: Andy Ruff
- Vice President: Susan Sandberg
- Parliamentarian: Steve Volan

The slate was approved by a voice vote

The council took new seats as assigned by the new president. Council President Ruff presided for the remainder of the meeting and presented outgoing President Rollo with a gavel to commemorate his term as president.

The following council members were appointed to the Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee:

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Chopra, Granger, Mayer, Piedmont-Smith, & Sandberg

The following council members were appointed to the Council Sidewalk Committee:

Granger, Mayer, Rollo, & Sturbaum

It was moved and seconded that Council appointments to the following list of Boards and Commissions be approved.

BOARD AND COMMISSION
APPOINTMENTS

Citizens Advisory Committee (Community Development Block Grants)

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| -Social Services | Susan Sandberg |
| -Physical Improvements | Tim Mayer |
| Commission for Bloomington Downtown | Allison Chopra |
| Economic Development Commission (City) | Dorothy Granger |
| Economic Development Commission (County) | Dave Rollo |
| Environmental Resource Advisory Committee | Dave Rollo |
| Metropolitan Planning Organization | Andy Ruff |
| Plan Commission | Isabel Piedmont-Smith |
| Solid Waste Management District | Steve Volan |
| Urban Enterprise Association Board | Chris Sturbaum |
| Utilities Services Board | Tim Mayer |
| Bloomington Economic Development Corporation | Dorothy Granger |
| Bloomington Commission on Sustainability | Dave Rollo |

The nominations were approved by a voice vote.

President Ruff noted the year's Board and Commission Interview Committee assignments:

INTERVIEW COMMITTEE
ASSIGNMENTS

A- Chopra, Mayer, Sturbaum

B- Granger, Volan, Ruff

C- Piedmont-Smith, Rollo, Sandberg

These assignments are attached to and made part of these minutes.

This being the organizational session for the year, there was no legislation for second reading or final consideration.

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND
READING AND RESOLUTIONS

There was no legislation to be introduced at this meeting.

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST
READING

There were no comments in this segment of the meeting.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

It was moved and seconded to cancel the Committee of the Whole meeting following this meeting.

COUNCIL SCHEDULE

The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Cancellation of the Committee of the Whole following this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Andy Ruff, PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council

Nicole Bolden, CLERK
City of Bloomington

Attachment: Board and Commission Interview Team Members for 2016